

**Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum**

**Date: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**Present:** Laura McGhee (Chair), Cllr Hanley, AL Wilson, K Titchie, R Cross, E Rayworth, B Rayworth, S Whithers, M Houseman, M Tyson, J Quimby, I Shaw, B Coutt, Inspector Mark Bownass, PC Mark Young, Sohail Effendi (WNW Area Management)

**Apologies:** Cllr Atkinson, N Gibson, P Miles, J Joseph, B King, B Miller, H Miller, B Dolton.

**1.0 WELCOME**

- 1.1 Laura McGhee chaired the meeting in the absence of Steven McBarron and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Action**

**2.0 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

Point 2.0 of last minutes matters arising relating to METRO

- Cllr Hanley informed that a meeting with the bus service including the residents has not yet been arranged. However one will be arranged in near future.

Cllr Hanley

Point 5.0 of last minutes matters arising relating to highways

- Cllr Hanley informed the meeting that he has received an e-mail from Mr Cook stating that the work will be starting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010.
- New crossing near Pollard Lane – local residents are being consulted.

**3.0 Police - update**

- 3.1 Inspector Mark Bownass and PC Mark Young attended the meeting. MB provided the following update.

- Good news story is that there is reduction in burglaries in West Leeds and in the division.
- MB stated that new and young offenders are being given lenient sentences, however the police are working with housing to find other ways of controlling burglaries.
- MB also informed the meeting that the police are also looking at setting up another capture house in the area.
- A lot of good work is being done regarding Anti Social Behaviour.
- Off Road Bike project is also going well, 67 bikes were ceased and crushed. Police would like all off road bikes reported by residents.
- Telephone number to report off road bikes missing from the list. Area Management to include the telephone number in all future agendas.
- In response to Cllr Hanley concern regarding the police job cuts, MB informed that frontline services are protected and cuts will affect the backroom staff and that full outlook is expected some time in October.
- In response to a mention of specials in the police force, MB praised the work done by specials and stated that specials are trained to perform their duties professionally.

All  
AMT

**4.0 Highways – Maintenance**

- 4.1 Steven Monks attended the meeting for this item representing highways maintenance and winter maintenance and provided following information.

- Leeds has 11000 streets, 3000 kilo meters of roads and in excess of 950 grit bins in place. Over 30 vehicles and a dedicated team of 70 people.
- There are three depots in Leeds, Rawdon, Limewood Approach and Hunslet. A

stock of 18,500 tons of grit is available at present and another 10,000 tons is coming in November. 20,000 tons of grit was used last year.

- Locations are not always easy to get to.
- Bins are only put on adopted highway streets that are not on precautionary gritting routes.

4.2 A number of questions were raised by the residents. SM provided the following answers.

- Responding to queries regarding lack of gritting in some areas and specifically the footpaths, SM confirmed that we do put resources onto footpath clearing and salting of high priority footways but obviously we can not attend them all.
- S.M stated that Leeds City Council spends more on winter maintenance then a lot of other authorities, that the service provided was proven to be efficient and effective, despite having a very bad winter last.
- When the vehicle ploughing can not get up some streets for parked car's, nothing much can be done to eradicate the problem.
- Cllr Hanley mentioned some sunken patches on Rodley Lane. SM agreed to have the site inspected and the patch of road repaired.

**Steven  
Monks**

Cllr Hanley thanked SM for attending and stated that additional services demanded cost money and the charges we pay for these services are lower then charged by other similar councils, so the services have to operate under constrained resources.

## **6.0 A O B**

- 6.1
- Issue of lack of bins at the Bramley Falls Park was raised at the meeting and a suggestion was made that redistribution of existing bins should be undertaken as some areas have more bins then needed while others do not have any.
  - AMT was requested to obtain the contact details of the Community Payback Service to see if people on probation can provide the services of cleaning the areas and emptying the bins?
  - AMT was also asked to find out the cost of a bin, cost of installing a bin and the cost of emptying a bin with an idea to see if the residents can purchase extra bins and pay for installation and emptying?

**AMT**

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## **7.0 Next meeting**

25<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Eric Atkinson Centre, Wellington Street, off Waterloo Lane, Bramley